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## REDUCING MUD USING HIGHWAY-TYPE FILTER MATERIALS

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Several beef and dairy producers across the country have been successful in dramatically reducing mud problems without resorting to the use of expensive concrete or pavement. A load-bearing material used in the highway industry can be placed in high animal traffic areas, on mounds, around feed bunks and in "transition " areas where animals move onto or off of concrete. The materials are of two basic types; 1) geotextiles, which are a porous filter-type material, and 2) polyethylene-type plastic grid material. Costs for installing the finished surface are about one-third the cost of concrete.

Figure 1 illustrates suggested installation method. The area to be surfaced should be excavated to 6" - 8" deep. Place 4"-6" of #4 crushed limestone rock over the fabric or grid material. An additional layer of 2"-3" of fine material such as "dense grade", screened lime (greater than #200 mesh), or sand should be used to cover the rock. Care should be taken to ensure that the fabric material is placed smoothly, with few wrinkles, so that the load will be distributed evenly. A list of suppliers is given on reverse side.

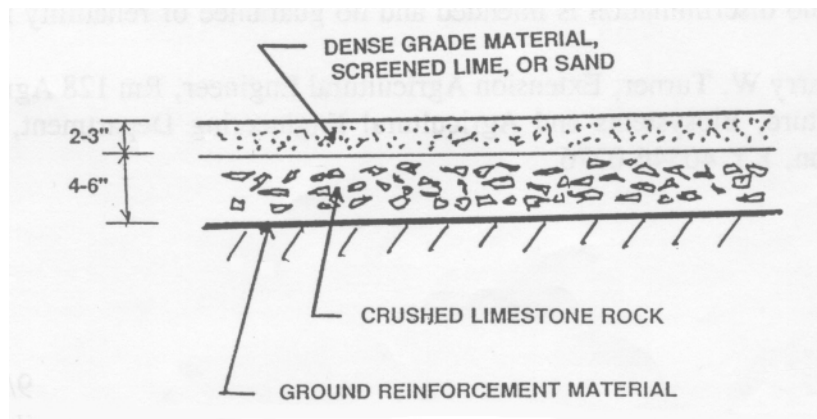


Figure 1: Suggested method for installation of ground reinforcement material.

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Am Con Construction Products  
Box 1516  
Somerset, KY 42502-6416  
800-866-0369

C & P Supply  
PO Box 376  
Allen, KY 41601  
606-874-8052  
FAX: 606-874-2310  
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303-305 W Green Road  
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High Point, NC 27260  
910-883-6624

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Old Hickory, TN 37138  
800-321-6271

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Morrow, GA 30260  
800-292-4457

American Excelsior Co.  
415 W. Seymour Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45216  
513-761-7384  
800-325-2135

Carthage Mills  
4243 Hunt Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45242  
513-794-1600  
FAX: 513-794-3434  
800-543-4430

Kent Doke  
K D Farms Inc.  
Route 1 Box 34  
Alachua, FL 32615  
904-462-1466

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2263 Hoxie Road  
Mannsville, NY 23661  
800-633-3661

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